

## TRANSLATION

### **General order on temporary suspension of migration proceedings and extension of term for proceeding**

**16.03.2020 no 1.1-4.1/12**

Pursuant to subsection 34 (1), subsections 50 (1), section 82<sup>1</sup>, subsection 106 (1), sections 211 and 242 of the Aliens Act, subsections 18 (2), 41 (1), 46 (1) of the Citizen of the European Union Act, clause 40 (3) 6) and section 41 of the Administrative Procedure Act and subsection 10 (2) of the Minister of the Interior regulation no 33 of 17 July 2014 “Statutes of the Police and Border Guard Board”, and according to Government of the Republic order no 76 of 12 March 2020 “Declaration of state of emergency in the administrative territory of Estonia” and regarding the need to use the resources of the Police and Border Guard Board in the activities of preventing and combating the spread of virus causing SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) disease in the Republic of Estonia.

1. Suspend during the given period or during state of emergency, proceedings of visa, extension of the period of stay, registration of short-term working, temporary residence permit, extension of temporary residence permit, long-term resident’s residence permit, temporary legal right to stay, extension of temporary legal right to stay and applications for the right of permanent residence, until the termination of the state of emergency.
2. The terms for proceeding suspended with this general order shall start from the beginning starting from not later than the tenth day following the termination of the state of emergency.
3. Communication Bureau shall make this general order publicly available on the webpage of the Police and Border Guard Board, in social media and other public media channels.
4. I assign the control over the execution of this general order to the head of Identity and Status Bureau, heads of the Border Guard Bureaus of the prefectures, Head of the Criminal Bureau of the West Prefecture and heads of the Border and Migration Surveillance Divisions.
5. This general order enters into force on 16 March 2020.
6. Records Management and Translation Bureau shall communicate the general order to the entire personnel of the Police and Border Guard Board.

(Signed digitally)

Elmar Vaher  
Inspector General of Police  
Director General